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TREATED WITH SULFUR

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith information which they believe may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to therein is "prior art" to Applicants' invention unless designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information attached to this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

By this submission, Applicants also do not represent that a search has been made nor that better art does not exist.

In addition, Applicants reserve the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not "prior art" according to the facts and the law.

Applicants further reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should any citation listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

Copies of the following citations are submitted along with PTO Form-1449.

McCarter, U.S. Patent No. 4,260,660, issued April 7, 1981: is directed to use of sulphur as an additive to inhibit the smoldering combustion of materials.

Klewinghaus et al., WO 03/094881 A1, dated November 20, 2003: discloses a composition (containing elementary sulphur or sulphur compounds) and use thereof as a pharmaceutical or cosmetic formulation for external use.

Kato, JP 09 285483 A, dated November 4, 1997: relates to a sanitary pad for toe crotches - comprises nonwoven fabric blended with drug ingredient (typically sulphur) has high antibacterial action and good skin care effect. (WPI/Derwent XP-002305423, Abstract only).

Asahi, JP 09 217274 A, dated August 19, 1997: concerns an anti-bacterial non-woven fabric for use as pillow covers etc. - comprises mixed fibre of cellulose fibre and thermoplastic synthetic fibre. (WPI/Derwent XP-002305424, Abstract only).

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Taguchi, JP 60 233016 A, dated November 19, 1985: is directed to ointment for sports worm - comprises actinidia polygama maxim powder, sulphur powder and white vaseline. (WPI/Derwent XP-002305425, Abstract only).

Carvalho, BR 9 903 830 A, dated April 24, 2001: discloses a capillary hydrating cream improving hair hygiene consists of stearin vaseline, lanolin, triethanolamine, and oils with additives and demineralised water - sulphur powder. (WPI/Derwent XP-002305426, Abstract only).

It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application.

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